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## The Avalanche.

THURSDAY, MAR. 1, 1900.  
LOCAL ITEMS.

We call the attention of our readers to the change in Joseph's Ad.

J. J. Higgins, of Frederic, transacted business in Atlanta, last week.

Henry Stephan was a caller in our sanctum, Saturday.

Muresco is the best Wall Finish in the market. Sold by Colter & Co.

Pay your subscription and subscribe for the Household.

FOR SALE—A lot of nice young pigs. F. F. Hoels. feb22tf

Easter comes this year April 15th. The date for Easter is unusually late this year.

Subscribe for the "Avalanche" and "The Household." Only \$1.25 per year.

Benjamin Sherman, and Ed. Sherman and his brother, of Maple Forest, were in town Saturday.

Subscribe for the "Avalanche" and "The Household." Only \$1.25 per year.

Peninsular Stoves and Ranges guaranteed the best. Sold by A. ZEAS.

M. R. Smith has completed his ice work for the winter, and is now putting in a lot of timber out on the farm near Judge.

We call the attention of our readers to the list of delinquent taxes, given in supplement form, in this issue.

Hair-dressing and shampooing. Also switches made to order. Prices reasonable. Satisfaction guaranteed. feb22-tf Miss EDITH BALLARD.

A stock company to manufacture clay brick has been formed at Gaylord, with a capital of \$5000, all subscribed.

Mrs. John J. Coventry braved the blizzard, Saturday, and drove to town, Mrs. R. Forbes coming home with her.

Mrs. A. C. Wilcox is reported nicely recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia, which will be pleasant news to her many friends.

We hear that J. J. Niederer is busy getting signatures to a petition for free mail delivery for Maple Forest and vicinity.

J. W. Sorenson is agent for the sale of the best Sewing Machines in the market. Machines guaranteed. Call and examine machines, and get prices.

The Michigan Beet Growers Association have set a price of \$4.50 per ton for 12 per cent. beets, with 75c per ton extra, if the factories get the state bounty.

The case of Montmorency county vs. E. J. Putnam, which was sent back by the Supreme Court for a new trial, will be tried in Montmorency county.

Orders for parts of all kinds, and for all kinds of Sewing Machines will have special attention at J. W. Sorenson's. He also keeps a good assortment of Machine Needles.

The Board of State Auditors have awarded the state printing contract for two years, from July 1, next, to Oscar L. McKinley, he being the lowest bidder.

Marion Nelson and Miss Nellie Smith, both of this place, were united in marriage at Gaylord, last Wednesday, Rev. Wood officiating.—Atlanta Tribune.

Joseph Rosenthal, formerly of this village, is now connected with the Surprise Merchandise Co., of Trenton, N. J. Joe's many friends wish him the most abundant success.

FOR SALE—Cheaper than to pay rent, one of the coziest homes in Grayling, in good repair, and nicely situated. Also a fine six octave organ. Enquire at the "Avalanche" office.

BORN—Wednesday, Feb. 21st to Mr. and Mrs. John McCune, at Portage Lake, two sons. Lack of vitality caused both to die within a few hours.

George Washington Bates received a beautiful hatchet through the mail, before he was 12 hours old. M. A. has ordered iron casings around the cherry trees.

The W. R. C. have about concluded to make Wisner an honorary member, for his kindness in gathering them in during the blizzard of last Saturday.

A great number of war claims have been filed with Auditor General Dix and the total, it is believed, will exceed the \$40,000 additional appropriation at the special session. In this event the claims will be prorated.

The man who thinks he will advertise whenever his business improves resembles the one who resolves to become amiable as soon as he discovers that everybody loves him. Both are beginning at the wrong end of the proposition.

J. C. Marsh, of Gaylord, was visiting friends here over Sunday.

Remember the Farmers' Picnic in the Presbyterian church parlors this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Hanson were in attendance at the Salling-Cornwell wedding at Manistee, last week.

The Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. C. Hanson to morrow (Friday) afternoon. Subject for consideration, Alaska.

Miss Mabel Townsend, of Metamora, was a guest of Mrs. Charles Butler yesterday. She goes from here to Lewistown, to visit her sister, Mrs. Dr. Wolfe.

T. A. Carney took a lay-off from work, last week, suffering from a severe cold, and feeling better went to Bay City the last of the week, on business and pleasure combined.

The worst blizzard of the year came from the N. W. last Saturday, with 8 inches of snow, and at night the mercury fell to 9° below zero. It was continued through Sunday though with diminished violence.

The regular business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will be held at the home of Mrs. Niles on Friday at 3:30 p. m. All members are requested to be present.

Service at the Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church every Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock. Through Lent the services will be on the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. All Scandinavians are cordially invited.

State Fish Commissioner Davis gives out the information that the commission has arranged for the reception of a half million Grayling fry from the United States Commission to be planted in Michigan waters next spring.

Mrs. S. Hempstead wishes to announce to the ladies of Grayling that she has on hand for sale a complete line of hair goods and ladies' toilet articles which she will be pleased to show to any one at her home on Cedar Street. feb15

Excellent music, some unique costumes, and a general good time and fair attendance at the Masquerade given by the Grayling Band, last week, adding to their fund for new uniforms. The next pleasure they offer our people will be a grand Concert, March 14th.

A new registration of voters will be required this spring. No one will be allowed to vote who is in town on registration day and fails to register unless prevented by sickness. The law of 1899 requires a new registration every four years from this date in townships, villages and cities.

At the last regular encampment of Marvin Post, No. 240, G. A. R., the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved—That R. Hanson be tendered the sincere thanks of the Post for the generous liberality displayed by him in assisting the Post and Corps in paying the balance on their bill.

A telegram received here, Monday announced the marriage, at 11 o'clock a. m., that day, in Detroit, of Miss Vena Jones and Isaac Rosenthal. No particulars are known to us, but the AVA LANCHE will extend, with their many friends here, the hope of a long and happy life in conjugal bliss.

The firm of Blumenthal & Baumgart, of Detroit, are opening up a big stock of Drygoods, Clothing, Shoes and furnishing goods in the Rosenthal store. They are reported as being a strong firm, and will be a welcome addition to the business interests of the place.

Remember the Band Concert at the Opera House, March 14, which promises to be the best ever given by a young band. They have been under their present leader, Mr. A. Martin, only four months, and are now rendering such numbers as will please even musical critics. The "American Patrol" is a fine descriptive piece, occupying 15 minutes, and all will wish there was more of it. They will also give select waltzes, baritone solos and several selections by Fournier's orchestra. Everybody go and enjoy the music and help the boys.

We glean from the Manistee Daily News of the 21st, the following notice, with an elaborate description of the event, which our space forbids our giving, though it would be of interest to many of our readers, who are acquainted with the bride and her family: "Last evening, at the home of the brides parents on Fifth street, Mr. Elmer J. Cornwell, son of one of Saginaw's most influential and successful business men, led Miss Olga A. Salling, one of Manistee's fairest and most accomplished daughters, to hymen's altar. The wedding was one of beauty, elegance and refinement, nearly 200 of the ultra-fashionable set being in attendance, together with a number of out-of-town guests." The bride will be recognized here as the youngest daughter of Hon. E. N. Salling, of the firm of Salling, Hanson & Co.

### Late Pupils.

The following pupils were late last week:  
High School—None.  
Grades 6 and 7—None.  
Grade 5—None.  
Grade 4—Elmer Brown.  
Grade 3—None.  
Grade 2—None.  
Grade 1—None.

Only one pupil late last week. The 6th and 7th grades have not had a tardy mark for six weeks in succession.

### Banker B. is a Robber

J. R. Garrison, cashier of the bank of Thornville, Ohio, had been robbed of health by a serious lung trouble until he tried Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. Then he wrote: "It is the best medicine I ever used for a severe cold or a bad case of lung trouble. I always keep a bottle on hand. I don't suffer with coughs, colds, or any throat, chest or lung trouble when you can be cured so easily. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Fournier's drug store."

### C. E. Notes.

Subject for next Sunday: "How God pays Man." All are cordially invited.

Next Monday evening occurs the regular monthly business meeting of the society. All members are urged to be present.

The C. E. and Sunday School are rejoicing in the possession of seventy-five new copies of Sacred Songs No. 2, an addition which was greatly needed as the old ones were worn out.

It is hoped that there will be a good turn-out at the Farmers' Picnic to be held in the church parlors this evening. The committee has been to some trouble in decorating the parlors until one would fancy himself in a veritable picnic grove. A menu of potatoes, beans, cold meats, bread and butter, cake, coffee, etc., etc., in fact a regular farmer's supper will be served.

### A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at Fournier's drug store.

About a score of Miss V. Jones' friends gave her a farewell surprise at her home, Saturday evening, of last week. The time was pleasantly spent in playing pedro, after which light refreshments were served. She was presented with a beautiful set each of solid silver tea spoons and forks as a token of love and esteem from her friends present. Universal regret was expressed that her new home would take her so far from Grayling, where she had spent the most of her life from early childhood and had won the love and respect of the entire community. At midnight the guests departed, bidding her farewell, and wishing her all the happiness and prosperity—even greater than she anticipated. On Sunday evening, in company with her sister Miss Josephine, she took her departure for Detroit, where on Monday, Feb. 26th, at 11 a. m., she was quietly married at the residence of Rabbi Leo Franklin, to Ike Rosenthal, formerly a prominent Dry Goods merchant of Grayling. The bride wore a handsome cloth traveling gown trimmed in mirror velvet, a creation of Miss Anna Haberkorn, modiste of Detroit. Miss Josephine, sister of the bride, Miss McKenzie of Detroit, and Miss Alice Spodgrass, of West Branch, were the only friends present at the ceremony. The bridal party partook of a wedding breakfast at the Cadillac, after which Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal took their departure for Seattle, Wash., their future home. Miss Jones was one of Grayling's most popular young ladies. Mr. Rosenthal is a promising young business man, whose character is above reproach, and they take with them to their new home the best wishes of a large circle of friends. Com

### He Fooled the Surgeons.

All doctors told Benick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from rectal fistula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the best in the world. Surest pile cure on earth. 25c a box at Fournier's drug store.

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### Notice.

I hereby notify the people of Grayling that I have accepted the agency of the great Moody book and I hope soon to be able to resume my work, and I shall then canvass jointly for that and the Wonders and Triumphs of the 19th Century. Respectfully, W. H. NILES.

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A bill recently introduced in Congress by Senator McMillan provides that the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Bay, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Genesee, Gratiot, Huron, Iosco, Isabella, Midland, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Presque Isle, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Clair and Tuscola shall constitute a new judicial district.

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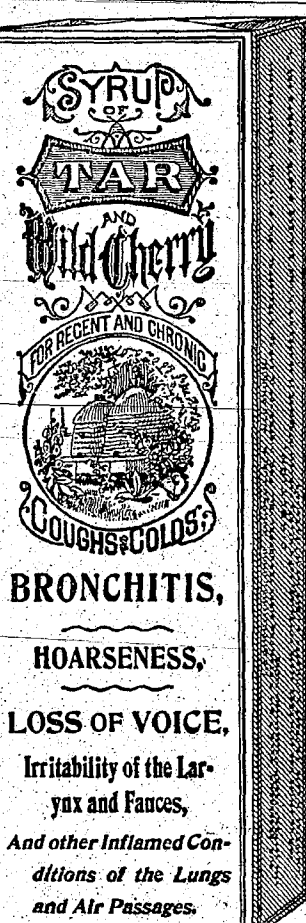
The demand for live cattle is quiet this week; receipts have been moderate of late. The following prices are being paid at the Detroit Live Stock Market:

Prime steers and heifers \$4.60@5.00; handy butcher's cattle, \$4.00@4.50; common, \$2.50@3.50; canners' cows, \$1.50@2.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.00@2.00.

Milch cows, steady at \$25.00@45.00; calves, active at \$5.00@8.50.

Sheep and lambs, small receipts and easy; prime lambs \$6.00@6.90; mixed \$4.25@5.25; culls \$2.50@3.50.

Hogs are the leading feature in this market; fair receipts; trade is active at the following prices: Prime mediums \$5.05@5.10; Yorkers \$4.90@4.95; pigs \$4.60@4.75; rough \$4.75@4.25; stags, 2 off; cripples, \$1.00 per cwt. off.



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Prints, worth 5, 6, and 7c, for	6c	Men's all wool Pants, -	\$1.25
Brown Cotton, worth 6c & 7c,	5c	Men's Merino Under Shirts, -	19c
Percales, 38 inches, for	8c	Men's Black Rib Overalls, -	37c
Apron Gingham, only	5c	Men's Blue Overalls, from	35 to 45c
Cream Outing Flannel, -	4c	Men's all wool \$6.00 Suits, -	\$3.90
Ticking, worth 5c,	3 1/2c	Men's Cashmere Suits, all	
Ladies Fleece Underwear, -	21c	wool, worth \$8.00, for	\$4.95
Childrens Fleece Underwear, -	15c	Men's Beaver Overcoats, -	\$3.85

We have no space to mention other Bargains, but every thing will go in proportion. Remember the place.

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"When we first arrived here and took up our homes on the prairie near Dalesboro, Assa., for a short time we had a fit of the 'blues,' but now all hands are settled to business, hale, hearty and contented, enjoying the finest winter we have ever seen. We have got very comfortably situated, with considerable preparation for a crop, and all hopeful. I think this is a very fine country, and if the past season's crop is not an exception, which they claim not, I believe this is going to be the wheat field of the West. It is filling up fast. In this town, the last spring there were twenty-five quarter sections of land vacant, and to-day there is not one; I can stand at my house and count ten houses where there was not one last spring, with six more to go up this spring. This is only a sample of what is going on all around. We intend to build a church next summer, right close to my place, so we will be strictly in line. It would have amused you to have been here last spring. There were crowds of land seekers, and sometimes in the spring the prairie is not very inviting, and of course the towns were discontented. There was one in the crowd who jumped on me for putting a letter in the paper, only for which he never would have come here, and he was very hostile, but eventually he got a place and to-day claims he would not take a thousand dollars and move out; so I am glad he is satisfied."

"Well, my dear Sir, as Arthur Pluney is about to move out in March, with his family, and also one of my sons, anything you can do for them to assist them along and to make things smooth as possible will be greatly appreciated by me. I will close for this time, and will write from time to time to let you know we are living. Drop us a few lines to let us know how things are moving in St. Paul."

Yours respectfully,  
"ALEX. CAMERON."

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### Dear Woman Helped

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound during change of life and derived great benefit from its use."—MARY E. JARVIS, 136 Cordon St., Bradford, Pa.

### PULSE OF THE PRESS

British Press Comments. To wit: out of ten of the people of the United Kingdom the chatter of the House of Commons during the last few days is simply irritating and offensive.—London Times.

The great meeting of Hindoos and Mohammedans, held in Calcutta, is another evidence of the solidarity of patriotic sentiment which prevails throughout the British empire.—London Chronicle.

The spectacle of the prime minister of England at a time when the country wants not the evasions of party, but the evidence of the work of a strong man in organizing all our resources for the successful prosecution of the war, is not one of which any of us are proud.—London Mail.

"If ministers are to say that the war was inevitable, that our unpreparedness was inevitable, and that our reverses were inevitable, we may go a little further and say that the indignation of the country and the immediate resignation of Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Alfred Milner are also inevitable.—London Lead.

We cannot admit that it is the natural order of things that this great empire should find itself so seriously embarrassed by a fight with two little republics, whose action in fighting us was put down by the whole civilized world as a little piece of bravado. We are prepared to do a great deal to help the Government out of their present difficulty, but we can hardly swallow that excuse.—London Herald.

Continental peoples have no adequate conception of the depth of the confidence of this country in its ability to do the work which Boer ambition has imposed upon it, and its grand determination not to desist until that work shall have been done. They are lost in astonishment at the fact that the Government is still in power, and likely to remain so, and that the foundations of the throne and the constitution have not been shaken.—London Graphic.

The nation will never fight with all its force unless it is convinced of the justice of its cause. Believing, as we do, that the war was forced upon us by the necessities of the case, and that the principles for which we are contending are the principles of liberty and liberalism, we rejoice that the controversies which have ranged us so many months in the press should now be repeated in the House of Commons.—London News.

In this Irish blood has been poured out freely. The history of the operations is largely a record of the exploits of Irish regiments. Thus the nation is being hastened along the path of decay by two causes: a military and a political. The ravages of the disease are now being assisted by the splendid marksmanship of the Boers. Meanwhile the imperial parliament will reap us for this expenditure of blood by imposing on us additional taxes. However this war results, Ireland must lose.—Irish Independent.

### The Boer War.

The Boers may be on the offensive, but they come a long way behind the preparedness in the United States and Ireland.—Kansas City Star.

It is undoubtedly a great consolation for the British war office to know that the Tugela river is located where it is.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

English critics who were once offering comments on American warfare find their attention fully engaged in other directions.—Washington Star.

"There is nothing like coming up to popular expectations. The people everywhere thought Buller would be a great hero, and he didn't disappoint them."—Denver News.

Buller has just announced that he has found the key to Ladysmith at last, but from all indications Joubert has plugged up the hole with zinc and the key doesn't fit.—Omaha News.

A realistic proof of the usefulness of horses comes from Kimberley, where the beleaguered garrison has lived on horse flesh ever since Jan. 8. How far would the tires and motor levers of an automobile have gone toward feeding the garrison but frequently hungry soldiers of the Queen?—Chicago News.

The loss of prestige to the British arms under Buller is almost as melancholy as the sacrifice of life. Withal, the dogged persistence of commander and command, the unwavering determination to win, the unflinching courage of the men, the unyielding loyalty of the officers, the unshakable faith of the people, the unbreakable spirit of the nation, the unquenchable thirst for victory, the unrelenting pursuit of the enemy, the unceasing effort to win, the unending struggle for the triumph of the right, the unyielding determination to win, the unflinching courage of the men, the unshakable faith of the people, the unbreakable spirit of the nation, the unquenchable thirst for victory, the unrelenting pursuit of the enemy, the unceasing effort to win, the unending struggle for the triumph of the right, the unyielding determination to win, the unflinching courage of the men, the unshakable faith of the people, the unbreakable spirit of the nation, the unquenchable thirst for victory, the unrelenting pursuit of the enemy, the unceasing effort to win, the unending struggle for the triumph of the 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## THE YEARS

By Alice Katherine Fallows.

"Athwart the silence of our dreams,  
Their memories fall like little dreams  
From some dim flickering star  
That hangs afar.  
And then the present's glare and fret,  
Shut swiftly in between, but yet  
Hid in its transient skies,  
The timeless eyes  
Of endless years look, nor forget."  
—Ainslie's Magazine.

## THE RETURN OF THE DISINHERITED.

Miss Acton stood by the center table in the library with a match in her hand. The big room was as dark as a cave. She could see absolutely nothing, but what was it that she heard? Surely some one was moving softly over the heavy carpet.

"Who's there?" cried the girl. The only answer was a sound of scuffling feet. Some one was hurrying toward the door, communicating with the conservatory. Instantly the knob clicked sharply, but the door did not open because it was locked, as Miss Acton well knew.

The girl had an impulse to scream and another to run away, but her strongest desire was for light. She feared darkness more than the mystery that it hid.

It required less time than the tick of a clock for her to turn on the gas in the drop light and strike the match that was ready in her hand. The gas was ignited with explosive suddenness. All that was in the room seemed to leap into being out of vanishing shadows.

With his back against the conservatory door and his outstretched hands upon the wall as if to steady him, stood a young man, tall, lean and pale. He wore a long black overcoat, but it was hung open and revealed the garb of a convict.

"I do not want to be alarmed," she said. "I know who you are, and I will not betray you. Sit down, and we will decide what is best to do."

"I read in a newspaper that you had escaped," she said, "but I did not suppose that you would dare to come here. Yet I believe that your father expected you and went away to avoid the risk of meeting you."

The convict said nothing, but the intensity of his facial expression was a distinct contribution to the conversation.

"You don't understand," said the girl. "Probably you don't know who I am. Let me tell you the whole situation in a few words. You knew of your father's second marriage?"

"Certainly," he said. "He married my aunt, and I came here to live with them by your father's great kindness. We knew that he had a son, and that his name could not be mentioned in this house, but neither my aunt nor myself had the slightest knowledge of the cause of the estrangement between you and him. It was only by accident that I found out where you were."

"How did it happen?" he asked. "Through your letter to him last spring—the one he returned unopened. I noticed the Sing Sing postmark on it when it came. Of course, I did not then know it was from you, but he wrote the return direction upon the envelope. He sat at this table, and afterward I saw upon the blotter a part of the address reversed, of course, but legible. 'The State Prison,' and your middle name, 'Ivings.'"

"Arthur Ivings Vane," he said. "Then I knew that you were a convict, and it was easy to guess that your crime and disgrace had caused your father to renounce you. But let me tell you of a secret he loves you yet. I know it; I am sure of it; and that is why I am going to help you tonight, though he would never forgive me if he knew it."

"And you read of my escape?" "Yes, I read a few days ago that a convict named Ivings had escaped with two others. I knew, of course, that you had dropped your last name for your family's sake when you were arrested."

There was a moment's silence. Then the young man leaned forward, with his face close to hers, and asked in a low, intense voice, "What are you going to do for me?"

"What do you need?" she asked. "Food? A hiding place?"

He sprang to his feet so suddenly that the girl was frightened almost to the point of crying.

"Money," he whispered. "That's what I need. With money I can get out of this country and begin a new life on the other side of the world. If I go back to prison I will kill all the good that's in me. If I don't—if I get clean away—who knows what I can make of myself?"

"I believe there is much truth in what you say," she replied. "If I could have advised you before you broke out of prison I would have advised you to serve out your sentence and then begin life anew. But I know that if you are captured now I will have to serve years and years in addition to your original sentence. I can not ask you to do that—it is very wrong of me, but I shall help you to escape. How much money do you need?"

"More than you can get, I'm afraid," said he gloomily. "I must make Australia somehow."

There was a safe built into the wall of the library. Miss Acton walked up to it, turned the knob of the combination lock and swung open the iron door. Within was a second door of thin metal which she unlocked by means of a key that she took from her pocket.

There were books of accounts on each side of the safe, and between them three little drawers, with pigeonholes above and below. Miss Acton took a roll of money from the lowest of the drawers, and handed it to the convict, who counted it rapidly.

"Four hundred," said he. "I can never do it with this."

"It is all that belongs to me," she said. "Of course, we cannot touch your father's money."

An inward struggle convulsed the young man's slender frame. "Why not?" he said at last. "You said that he still loves me."

"It would not be honest," she replied. "It would be theft. Can't you make this do?"

"Australia is a long way off," said he. "I think my father ought to contribute something."

"No," said she, firmly. "I will not consent, and you should not ask me." "I'm afraid it's all up with me," said Miss Acton, reflected deeply.

"It is possible if I asked my aunt she might do something for us," she said, "but I can't get to her now, because there are people in the hall. They might look in here if I opened the door."

"There certainly are people out there," said he. "I've heard them talking for the last few minutes. But I could hide, you know."

"True," said Miss Acton, "and perhaps that is the best way. Get behind those curtains in the window."

The convict hesitated. Miss Acton closed the inner door of the safe and put the key into her pocket. As she turned away she saw her companion standing with his face in his hands, while his form was shaken by convulsive sobs.

"It's nothing," he replied. "Only—only you looked that way. You didn't trust me. Why should you? And yet if there was some one who did, some one in all this world who could see the little good there is in me—"

Miss Acton took the key of the inner safe door from her pocket and laid it upon the table. "You see that I do trust you," she said. "Thank you, thank you, a thousand times," he murmured, and so strong was his emotion that he positively staggered as he made his way toward his place of concealment.

Miss Acton passed out into the hall— which was now light—and was greatly surprised to see in the reception-room on the other side her aunt in conversation with a young gentleman. He arose as Miss Acton approached, and she was the better able to admire his exceptionally fine physique. His face matched his form, being remarkable for strength and beauty, and, moreover, it had for her an aspect of familiarity. He looked as much like the master of the house as was possible considering the difference of their ages.

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## GOVERNMENT OPERATES RAILROAD.

Philippine Line Passes Into Our Possession—25 Miles of New Road.

Fred Steward, of Butler, Ind., is now in charge of a train on the Manila and Dagupan Railway. This railroad is owned by the United States Government and is the first one to pass under government control. The line was secured along with the Philippines, and the United States not only is the absolute owner, but is building branch lines in order to improve the usefulness of the road to the American soldiers, as well as opening one of the most fertile and thickly populated parts of the islands. The line of the road extends from Manila to Dagupan, is 135 miles and traverses a country of vast agricultural resources, giving two coast outlets for the products of the interior.

The average elevation of the line is four feet above the general level of the country. It is ballasted with gravel and has a road bed affording strong resistance to the heaviest rainfall of that tropical country. The line has sixty bridges with upright steel tubes filled with concrete acting as supports, while the bridges are of iron and steel. The locomotives were built in England, and being of less than ten ton capacity, are a source of wonder to the American soldiers who are now operating the line. The coaches are divided into three compartments, each capable of holding fifty persons, and cane chairs are provided for the passengers who travel first class, while other coaches, and they are several, are put up with stiff wooden benches. The freight cars are nearly all known as "goods cars" and are very small and dumpy, such as are used in this country as gravel cars, although only about one-half in length. The "goods cars" are loaded by natives, who receive 50 cents, Mexican, per day, and they invariably suspend operations at 4 o'clock p. m., regardless of perishable freight or other demands of the patrons of the road for better service. The passenger trains are operated by a higher class of employees and better accommodations are given.

The forces of Aguinaldo have in many places torn up the road, destroyed the bridges by dynamite, and moved the rolling stock toward the northern termini of the road. They wrought such havoc in the line that the United States government was forced to ship additional equipment for repairs, and upon the suggestion of the corps of engineers sufficient material was shipped in a transport from San Francisco late in 1900 for the construction of a branch line twenty-five miles in length. This part of the line is nearly completed and affords General Otis a means of crossing the swamps leading to the east.

The line has never been able to supply the demands upon it, and has proven a profitable investment, regardless of the Spanish guaranty of 8 per cent on the capital invested. The line was to have passed to the Spanish government in ninety-nine years in payment of the right-of-way, and that part of the contract comes to Uncle Sam, together with a railroad that was so completely demoralized that it was compelled to practically rebuild it.

Invention of the Sled. Dr. Karutz, an original scholar of Lubek, has just completed some valuable investigations relative to the invention of a sled. After long study he comes to the conclusion that primitive man probably arrived at the idea of the sled from seeing trees slip and slide down the mountains.

In Maderia, for instance, where there is never any snow, sleds drawn by oxen are used just as they are in the Philippines. It is a development from the idea of a man dragging a burden along the ground, when it was too heavy for him to lift up and carry it. He at first hitched his dog to the deer that he had just killed, and both dragged it toward the cave or hut in which they lived. When he saw the logs slide down the mountain side the idea of using smooth logs that would slide over the ground easily, when drawn by himself or one of his animals was the next step in the development of the sled.

Primitive peoples like the Malays of the Philippines and the unprogressive peasants of Maderia still use the sleds invented by their ancestors thousands of years ago.—Washington Post.

The Greedy Sea Gull. In the wire-fronted coops of a downtown market there is quite a menagerie, comprising a beautiful pair of gray fox squirrels, blue jays, pheasants, rabbits, a young fox and a pair of big, dingy colored sea gulls. Most people have seen the gulls, which frequent the harbor here at this season, and make themselves at home on bridge draws and the roofs of the houses or steamers, chase and fight each other for possession of scraps thrown over from steamboats, but if any one wants to see what vicious, determined creatures these birds are, let him throw a small into the cage where this pair of gulls is kept. They seize the fish like a flash and hold on like a pair of bull dogs, each striving to wrest it from the other, while both express by actions that they will die before they let go. Throw in another smelt, and both fish have been swallowed, and each of the gulls has turned and is ready to snatch the fish from the other. If the latter has been slow in getting it out of sight, Portland-Oregonian.

Largest Theatre in America. The Degollada Theatre, the front of which was damaged by the recent earthquake in Guadalajara, is probably the most costly and certainly the most modern of the city's great buildings, and it is accorded the distinction of being the largest exclusively theatrical structure on the continent. Its cornerstone was laid in 1850 and, although at the present day it is not entirely completed, some \$3,000,000 have been expended in its construction. It is four stories in height and covers an area of 11,127 square feet. The interior plan is modeled after the great Parisian play houses, the boxes being arranged in tiers about three sides of the auditorium, while the fourth is entirely taken up by the stage, which has a length of 155 feet by 55 in depth.

## BOER FIGHTING TACTICS.

OUR OFFICERS THINK THE BRITISH ARMY IS OBSOLETE.

Belief that American Soldiers Would Have Done Better Than the English Have—Secret of Boer Success—Value of Artillery.

Two Thousand Miles by Wagon. A Family Trip that Cured a Kansas Man of Serious Lung Disease.

E. E. Farnsworth is a living example of what a man in the last stage of consumption can do to save his own life, and at the same time he is a walking advertisement of the beneficial effects of the rare air of the western plateau. He is now in El Paso with his family, after having come 2,114 miles across the country in a wagon. With his wife and his father he is living for a few days in the wagon they have fitted up on Oregon street, just north of the Southern Pacific track.

"We left Winfield, Kan.," said Mr. Farnsworth, "on the 29th day of last March, when I was so weak that I could not throw the harness on the horses. We came on to the West, in our wagon, living in it, sleeping in it at night, and travelling during the day. When we came to an agreeable place we would stop for a few days, and then we would resume the journey with the horses refreshed. Most of the summer was spent in the mountains, hunting and fishing, and from there we went to Utah and came down through Central New Mexico to El Paso. We have the same horses with which we started, and our wagon is in good shape. We have had many experiences, but nothing has resulted seriously for us, and the net result is that we are here in good shape, and I have practically regained my health."

The wagon in which the trip was made is a marvel of ingenious arrangement. It is the size of an ordinary farm wagon. The front seat is arranged so that it can be thrown back on hinges, disclosing a well arranged clothes chest. The remainder of the wagon body is enclosed in a frame about six feet high, projecting over the sides and covered with painted canvas. By various ingenious arrangements the interior is so fitted up as to hold the beds for the party, tables and chairs, and a sheet-metal stove. The bed can be folded back against the wall; the stove can hardly be noticed because of the way it is fixed in the side of the wagon, and the table, when not in use, can be folded down along the side. Lockers under and on the side of the wagon provide places for storing food, tools, ropes and the like. The average time made on the trip has been twenty-five miles a day of travel.

From here the party will go up the Tuacacac, and down across to Roswell in the Peasos Valley, returning to their home in Kansas after having consumed about a year on the trip.

The method is certainly a sensible one, and as it has proved an effective one for regaining health, and Mr. Farnsworth returns to his home practically well, whereas there would probably be a lot of people walking slowly behind him if he had remained in Kansas during the winter.

The party have gathered numerous ore specimens and have sent many pounds of them home. One fine specimen of copper ore was found near Las Cruces, and this they still have with them. The total cost of the trip so far for the three has been only about \$1,000.—El Paso (Tex.) Herald.

FURNITURE OF A BUNCO MAN. Had a Cork Safe that was a Wonderful Piece of Work.

"Did you ever hear of a cork safe?" asked a drummer who represents the latest thing in chilled steel and burglar-baiting time locks.

"As far as I am aware," he continued, "when everybody had chorused a negative, 'only one of them was ever built. It was made by an ingenious Dutch mechanic for a one-time famous confidence man named Dr. Briggs, who operated in Denver, Salt Lake and Fresno.' The safe was a folding affair, made of paper on a backing of sheet cork, and when it was opened it was six feet high and looked exactly like the real thing. As it was always placed in a corner, it had only two sides, but every visible detail was complete—combination, knob, hinges, lettering, bolt-heads and all. When folded it could be carried in an ordinary dress-suit case. Briggs used the thing in a fake lottery office, which was of itself a marvel of trick furnishing."

"When the victim entered the place it looked like an ordinary business establishment, with desks, railing, maps on the walls, safe in the corner, and several clerks at work on the books. The instant he left, a roll-top desk was opened up into a bed. The railing was folded together and slipped into a closet, a table was transformed into a washstand, a cabinet turned into a bureau, the safe was put away in its case, the curtains were pulled down, and the room was to all appearances a simple sleeping apartment. By that means the poor dupe was never able to find the place where he had been hoodwinked. I saw Briggs's old cork safe when I was last in San Francisco. It is now owned by a cigar dealer, who bought it as a curio and, while it is pretty badly battered, one can still see plainly that it was a wonderful piece of mechanical work."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A Remarkable Centenarian. Mrs. Elizabeth Wilcox, of Kirby, Laythorpe, Stafford, Lincolnshire, celebrated her 100th birthday on Monday.

She has living two children, ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, and four generations dwell under one roof. During the winter of 1808 Mrs. Wilcox had congestion of the lungs, and was not expected to recover. She has almost the spiritlessness of a girl; she rises at 6, retires at 10, knits, sews, reads, and does household work, including carrying bottles. Her complexion is rosy and unlined, and she looks ready for another century of wear and tear.—London Chronicle.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

New York City is at last fully alive to the dangers which menace its commercial supremacy.

What must be the reflections of Dr. Jameson when he thinks that he once tried to conquer the Boers with 500 men?

The Boston Journal puts it in this way: "Congressman-elect Roberts will return to his families."

The cost of educating a pupil in the public schools of Chicago in 1877 amounted to \$3.41. It has been steadily increasing each year until the record of 1898 showed a cost per pupil of \$18.44.

At the recent meeting of the Michigan association in Washington Justice Brown expressed the hope that he might live long enough to have the privilege of writing opinions in appeals sent up to the United States Supreme court from the federal courts of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine islands.

America sells nearly three times as much as she buys; Germany buys over \$250,000,000 worth more every year than she sells, while Great Britain last year actually bought twice as much as she sold.

The czar has revoked the law which since 1865 has forbidden Poles to acquire real estate except by inheritance. They will still be restricted, however, both in Poland and Western Russia, to sixty-five acres for one family.

It will necessarily take a great many years to demonstrate to the lay mind whether the rejection of the Holland submarine torpedo boat was a great economy or a great oversight.

A club of Chicago ladies has been discussing the question "what is society?" This is probably a prosaic enterprise. If Chicago enterprise can discover just what "society" is and where it is to be found there is no doubt that it will proceed to take possession, no matter what it costs.

The foot of the American locomotive continues to encircle the globe. This time the Paris and Orleans Railway, of France, wants ten of our iron giants—and the order is the first ever placed in this country by the company operating that line. We have set the pace and we mean to keep it.

Prof. Robert Koch, the celebrated bacteriologist in the Deutsche Medicinische Wochenschrift, reporting upon the results of the Java malaria expedition, says that these fully corroborate his theory, already illustrated on the German East African coast. It is that where there are mosquitoes there is always malaria, and that where there are no mosquitoes there is no malaria.

For some reason which is not easily assigned, the condition of convicts fails to interest the benevolent so much as it ought. All sorts and conditions of men are carefully looked after by charitable societies and individuals, but it is almost impossible to bring any effective influence to bear on prison reform.

The simplest way to get warm after exposure to cold, says a writer in a health journal, is to take a long breath with the mouth firmly shut. Repeat this several times until you begin to feel the heat returning. It requires a very short time to do this. The long breath quickens the pulse, and thus causes the blood to circulate faster. The blood flows into all parts of the veins and arteries and gives out a great deal of heat. It is stated that this method of deep breathing prevents colds and a great many other ailments if begun in-time.

Horrid men have long been prone to pass disparaging remarks on an alleged prevalence of cold feet among the gentler sex. Now Prof. Huthinson, of the Royal Society, has been brooding under the surface of this matter, and he finds that it is an allegation of terminal coldness, as well as having a scientific explanation in the fact that women are large consumers of tea. Tea drinking he finds tends to contract the arteries and to reduce the circulation to the extremities; and practical tests convinced him that to the same cause is often due the clammy sweatiness of the feet suffered by many people.

Japanese experiments have convinced the authorities there that the rat is an active spreader of the plague and the main factor in the dissemination of its germs in Oriental cities. A crusade against the animal is therefore decreed, and the health departments of Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama and other Japanese cities, as well as Hong Kong and Shanghai, are distributing thousands of traps among the people, with orders to kill and burn all the rats they can catch. The animal may be one agent in the dissemination of the pestilence, but its progress, historical and current, shows that there are others, requiring other correctives than rat-traps, useful as these may in some cases be found to be.

The work of reforesting Pennsylvania has been well begun. Thus far 60,000 acres at the headwaters of the principal rivers have been purchased by the state, and 40,000 more will soon come into its possession. Most of the land purchased has been denuded of merchantable timber, the maximum price of \$5 per acre fixed by the Legislature, barring the purchase of more valuable lands. This limitation may not be a misfortune, however. Much of the land acquired has a young second growth that will make valuable timber hereafter; and while the work of protecting the water-heds may proceed more slowly than if timbered land could be obtained, a lesson in care of forest lands will be taught, and a greater amount of land will be secured through the available appropriation. The growth on the state lands is to be carefully fostered, one of the plans being to entice a protecting lane around the state's

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

New York City is at last fully alive to the dangers which menace its commercial supremacy.

What must be the reflections of Dr. Jameson when he thinks that he once tried to conquer the Boers with 500 men?

The Boston Journal puts it in this way: "Congressman-elect Roberts will return to his families."

The cost of educating a pupil in the public schools of Chicago in 1877 amounted to \$3.41. It has been steadily increasing each year until the record of 1898 showed a cost per pupil of \$18.44.

At the recent meeting of the Michigan association in Washington Justice Brown expressed the hope that he might live long enough to have the privilege of writing opinions in appeals sent up to the United States Supreme court from the federal courts of Puerto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippine islands.

America sells nearly three times as much as she buys; Germany buys over \$250,000,000 worth more every year than she sells, while Great Britain last year actually bought twice as much as she sold.

The czar has revoked the law which since 1865 has forbidden Poles to acquire real estate except by inheritance. They will still be restricted, however, both in Poland and Western Russia, to sixty-five acres for one family.

It will necessarily take a great many years to demonstrate to the lay mind whether the rejection of the Holland submarine torpedo boat was a great economy or a great oversight.

A club of Chicago ladies has been discussing the question "what is society?" This is probably a prosaic enterprise. If Chicago enterprise can discover just what "society" is and where it is to be found there is no doubt that it will proceed to take possession, no matter what it costs.

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